

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**Page 1:** After the title, insert:

--This is a 371 national phase application of PCT/JP2003/008942 filed 14 July 2003, claiming priority to Japanese Application No. 2002-225317 filed 01 August 2002, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

**Page 21:** Replace the paragraph starting on line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

Although the acrylic synthetic fiber thus obtained had a horseshoe shape cross-section, it did not have unevenness on a surface thereof. Moreover, the yarn had a flexural rigidity value of  $6.5 \times 10^{-7}$  N-m<sup>2</sup>/m, a torsional rigidity value of  $4.5 \times 10^{-9}$  N-m<sup>2</sup>, and a 10% shrinkage starting temperature (T10) of 138 degrees C. Evaluation was performed in a same manner as in Example 1 for the acrylic synthetic fiber. Table 1 shows results.